

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A base for equipment comprising:
 - a. a pad having
 - i. a top surface and
 - ii. a plurality of side surfaces forming respective angles with the top surface that differ from ninety degrees; and
 - iii. a core adapted for nesting a similarly constructed pad; and
 - ~~b. a hollow core; and~~
 - [[c.]] b. at least one insert-removable support feature ribbing; said at least one insert-support-ribbing mating with said hollow core for contacting ground beneath the top surface of the pad.
2. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 1, wherein said at least one removable support feature includes at least one insert support ribbing-pad comprises a plastic material.
3. (original) The base for equipment of claim 1, wherein said pad comprises a composite material.
4. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 2[[1]], wherein said at least one insert support ribbing comprises a plastic material.

5. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 2[[1]], wherein said at least one insert support ribbing comprises a material selected from the group consisting of wood, metal and plastic composite.
6. (original) The base for equipment of claim 1, wherein said pad comprises a material selected from the group consisting of wood, metal and plastic composite.
7. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 2[[1]], wherein said at least one insert support ribbing mates via an adhering means selected from the group consisting of an adhesive, mechanical fastener, weld, Emabond, staple, hot staking and snap-fit.
8. (original) The base for equipment of claim 7, wherein said at least one insert support ribbing mates with said hollow core via a snap fit.
9. (original) The base for equipment of claim 8, wherein the pad may be stacked independently with one or more other like pads.
10. (original) The base for equipment of claim 9, wherein the at least one insert support ribbing may be stacked independently with one or more other like at least one support ribbings.
11. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 2[[1]], wherein the at least one insert support ribbing may be stacked independently with one or more other like at least one insert support ribbings.
12. (original) The base for equipment of claim 11, wherein said at least one insert support ribbing mates with said hollow core via an adhering means selected from

the group consisting of an adhesive, mechanical fastener, weld, Emabond, staple, hot staking and snap-fit.

13. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 2[[1]], wherein said at least one insert support ribbing may be removed from said hollow core.
14. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 2[[1]], wherein said at least one insert support ribbing may be reused with another pad.
15. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 2[[1]], wherein said pad may be reused with another at least one insert support ribbing.
16. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 8, wherein the at least one support ribbing may be stacked independently with one or more other like ~~at least one support~~ ribbings.
17. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 2[[1]], wherein the at least one insert support ribbing[[s]] comprises a material less expensive than the material comprising the pad.

18. (currently amended) A base for equipment comprising:
- a. a monolithic pad having
 - i. a pad top surface and
 - ii. a plurality of pad side surfaces forming respective angles with the top surface that differ from ninety degrees;
 - b. a hollow core;
said hollow core adapted to ~~receive~~ nest a pad top surface of a similarly-formed second monolithic pad; and
 - c. at least one insert support ribbing having
 - i. a ribbing top surface,
 - ii. a bottom surface, and
 - iii. a plurality of ribbing side surfaces;said ribbing top surface having at least one recess therein; and
said recess adapted to ~~receive~~ nest a bottom surface of a similarly-formed second insert support ribbing; and
 - d. said at least one insert support ribbing mating with said hollow core.
19. (original) The base for equipment of claim 18, wherein said pad comprises a plastic material.
20. (original) The base for equipment of claim 18, wherein said pad comprises a composite material.
21. (original) The base for equipment of claim 18, wherein said pad includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, wood and metal.

22. (original) The base for equipment of claim 18, wherein said at least one insert support ribbing comprises a plastic material.
23. (original) The base for equipment of claim 18, wherein said at least one insert support ribbing includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, wood and metal.
24. (original) The base for equipment of claim 18, wherein said at least one insert support ribbing mates with said hollow core via a snap fit.
25. (original) The base for equipment of claim 18, wherein said at least one insert support ribbing may be removed from said hollow core.
26. (original) The base for equipment of claim 18, wherein said at least one insert support ribbing may be reused with another pad.
27. (original) The base for equipment of claim 18, wherein said pad may be reused with another at least one insert support ribbing.
28. (canceled)
29. (canceled)
30. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 18 ~~[[29]]~~, wherein the pad independently stacks with one or more like other pads.
31. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 18 ~~[[29]]~~, wherein the support ribbing independently stacks with one or more like other ribbings.
32. (original) The base for equipment of claim 31, wherein the support ribbing includes at least one recess for receiving a surface of one of the one or more like other ribbings into a stacking formation.

- 33. (original) The base for equipment of claim 30, wherein the support ribbing independently stacks with one or more like other ribbings.
- 34. (original) The base for equipment of claim 33, wherein the support ribbing includes at least one recess for receiving a surface of one of the one or more like other ribbings into a stacking formation.
- 35. (original) The base for equipment of claim 34, wherein the pad includes at least one complimentary surface for receiving a second pad into a stacking formation.
- 36. (original) The base for equipment of claim 35, wherein the pads are generally of the same shape.
- 37. (currently amended) The base for equipment of claim 36, wherein the support ribbings include support features for contacting the ground~~are generally of the same shape.~~